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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/924,157  
Filing Date : August 7, 2001  
First Named Inventor : Arndt Jentzsch  
Attorney Docket No. : 103797-476-NP  
Examiner : Funk, Stephen R  
Art Unit : 2854

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Dear Sir:

Applicant noticed that on the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed on April 2, 2004 from the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), the filing date of the present application is incorrectly shown as August 27, 2001, instead of the actual filing date of August 7, 2001. Applicant requests that USPTO's records be corrected.

The present application was deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail" for delivery to the USPTO on August 7, 2001. However, the USPTO incorrectly granted a filing date of August 27, 2001. A Petition for According the Correct Filing Date was filed on March 21, 2002. The petition was granted by the Office of Petitions on May 1, 2003. However, on the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee due mailed on April 2, 2004, the filing date is still incorrectly shown as August 27, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests that the USPTO's records of the filing date of the present

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application be corrected to August 7, 2001 and the patent be issued with the correct filing date.

It is believed that no fee is necessary in connection with the amendment.

However, the Commissioner is still authorized to charge any required fees to Goodwin Procter LLP Deposit Account 06-0923.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eva Tan".

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